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JUNIOR COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Burlington Police Department's Junior Community Police Academy is a free program designed for Burlington youth of Burlington to take an inside look at their Police Department. The goal of the academy is to give participants an opportunity to learn about the police department and to meet the people that protect the community every day.

This program is an idea brought to the Department by 10-year-old Gianna R. of Burlington. Her grandmother participated in the Community Academy in early 2014 and she brought the idea to Chief Mike Schirling at the Community Barbecue hosted by the Department on September 18, 2014. Gianna created the first outline for the Junior Academy and has participated in the program design as it has evolved.

The course curriculum will include such topics as:

Civics

Where does the Police Department fit in government and community service?

Jobs at the Police Department

What do they do?

Who works inside and outside the building?

What types of officers are there and what do they do?

Equipment used by police in Burlington

Cars – demonstration

Other gear – demonstrations

Cameras - demonstration

K9 demonstration

Police operations

What happens when there are multiple calls at a time?

What types of calls happen?

What do people get arrested for?

Building tours, including the dispatch center

Exercises/games such as eyewitness identification

Personal and electronic safety and crime prevention

Program requirements:

- Be able to attend a 4-week program with classes on Wednesday evenings at 4:15 pm (each approximately 1.5 hours in duration). Class dates for 2015 include January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- Snacks will be served.
- There are a limited number of openings available for this academy. An application is required.

Criteria for selection:

- Burlington resident
- 8 to 15 years old
- Parental permission

Questions or to apply? Please contact:

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Applications, which are available by contacting Ms. Caron by phone and on the department website (www.bpdvt.org) are due by December 17, 2014.